

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4461–S4511

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2601–2611, and S. Res. 502. **Pages S4502–03**

Measures Reported:

S. 1865, to amend the prices set for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–210) **Page S4502**

Measures Passed:

Unlocking Consumer Choice and Wireless Competition Act: Senate passed S. 517, to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4510–11**

Measures Considered:

Protect Women's Health from Corporate Interference Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2578, to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions. **Pages S4461–63, S4480–96**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill upon disposition of the nomination of Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, with the time until 2 p.m., on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, and the time from 2 p.m. until 2:10 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that at 2:10 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4511**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–50) **Pages S4500–01**

White Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, with the time until 10:15 a.m. controlled as follows: 10 minutes for Senator Grassley, 10 minutes for Senator Cornyn, 10 minutes for Senator Shaheen, and any remaining time under the control of Senator McCaskill; that at 10:15 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination; that if cloture is invoked, the time until 12:20 p.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and at 12:20 p.m., all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S4511**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 224), Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Pages S4472–79, S4511**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 222), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4472**

By 90 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 225), Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Pages S4472–79, S4511**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 85 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 223), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4472**

James D. Nealon, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

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Robert A. Wood, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

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Paul Nathan Jaenichen, Sr., of Kentucky, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

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Messages from the House: Page S4501

Measures Referred: Pages S4501–02

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—225) Pages S4472, S4479

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4511.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2015.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner and Chairman, and Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Commissioner, all of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Judith M. Davenport, of Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Sembler, of Florida, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Deputy Secretary, and Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, Bruce H. Andrews, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, and Marcus Dwayne Jadotte, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and a Coast Guard Promotion List.

WILDLAND FIRE PREPAREDNESS AND FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine wildland fire preparedness and to consider the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein, McCain, and Crapo; Thomas Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Kim Thorsen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Safety, Resource Protection and Emergency Services; Ken Pimlott, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Chief, Sacramento; Dan Gibbs, Summit County Commissioner, Breckenridge, Colorado; and David Porter Tenney, Navajo County Board of Supervisors, Holbrook, Arizona.

CHRONIC ILLNESS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine chronic illness, focusing on addressing patients' unmet needs, after receiving testimony from Stephanie Dempsey, American Heart Association, Varnville, South Carolina; William A. Bornstein, Emory University Healthcare, Atlanta, Georgia; Cheryl DeMars, The Alliance, Fitchburg, Wisconsin; and Mary Margaret Lehmann, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as

Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, who was introduced by Senators McCaskill and Blunt, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, and Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1696, to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services, focusing on removing barriers to constitutionally protected reproductive rights, after receiving testimony from Senator Baldwin; Representatives Black, Chu, and Blackburn; Wisconsin State Representative Chris Taylor, Madison; Nancy Northup, Center for Reproductive Rights, New York, New York; Monique V. Chireau, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina; Carol Tobias, National Right to Life Com-

mittee, Washington, D.C.; and Willie Parker, Birmingham, Alabama.

CYBERCRIMINAL NETWORKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine taking down botnets, focusing on public and private efforts to disrupt and dismantle cybercriminal networks, after receiving testimony from Leslie R. Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Joseph Demarest, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Richard Domingues Boscovich, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Cheri F. McGuire, Symantec Corporation, Mountain View, California; Paul Vixie, Farsight Security, Inc., San Mateo, California; and Craig D. Spiegle, Online Trust Alliance, Bellevue, Washington.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5107–5118 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 670, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4719) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions for food inventory (H. Rept. 113–522).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Pittenger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Steve Walker, Fairview Village Church, Eagleville, Pennsylvania.

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Private Calendar: On the call of the Private calendar, the House passed H.R. 306, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act: H.R. 3086, to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

Pages H6228–34

Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, by a recorded vote of 367 ayes to 55 noes, Roll No. 414.

Pages H6235–42, H6245–61

Rejected the Blumenauer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 413.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee

on Ways and Means, modified by the amendments printed in H. Rept. 113–521, shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H6245–46**

H. Res. 669, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 408, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 407. **Pages H6241–42**

Notice of Intent To Offer Motion: Representative Gallego announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230. **Page H6261**

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015: The House continued consideration of H.R. 5016, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 16th. **Pages H6242–45, H6262–84**

Agreed to:

Roskam amendment that was debated on July 14th that increases funding, by offset, for taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service by \$10,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 338 ayes to 80 noes, Roll No. 410); **Pages H6243–44**

Frelinghuysen amendment that reduces funding for the National Security Council by \$4,200,000; **Pages H6262–63**

DeLauro amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into any contract with an incorporated entity if such entity's sealed bid or competitive proposal shows that such entity is incorporated or chartered in Bermuda or the Cayman Islands, and such entity's sealed bid or competitive proposal shows that such entity was previously incorporated in the United States; **Pages H6263–64**

Bachus amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to reinstall the Red Mountain sculpture on the plaza of the Hugo Black Court-house in Birmingham, Alabama; **Pages H6264–65**

Schakowsky amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition listed in section 2313(c)(1) of title 41, United States Code, in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term "Fair Labor Standards Act"; **Pages H6265–66**

Grayson amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if that offeror has (1) within a three-year period preceding this offer been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or subcontract; viola-

tion of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property; or (2) are presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated above in paragraph (1); or (3) within a three-year period preceding this offer, has been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied; **Pages H6267–68**

Walberg amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of chapter 29, 31, or 33 of title 44, United States Code; **Page H6272**

Farenthold amendment that prohibits funds from being made available for the Office of Management and Budget to process or approve an apportionment request that does not include the following phrase: "Apportioned amounts are not available for any position that is held by an employee with respect to whom the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives has certified a statement of facts to a United States attorney under section 104 of the Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 194)"; and **Pages H6272–73**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to confidentiality and disclosure of returns and return information). **Pages H6276–77**

Rejected:

Jackson Lee amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to reduce funding for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network by \$200,000 and increase funding for taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service by \$100,000 (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 409); **Pages H6242–43**

Moore amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to strike section 501 from the bill, which relates to administrative provisions of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, specifically the repeal of section 1017(a)(2)(C) of Public Law 111–203 (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 411); and **Page H6244**

Waters amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to increase funding for salaries and expenses of the Securities and Exchange Commission by \$300,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 412). **Pages H6244–45**

Withdrawn:

Sherman amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds

from being used to implement, administer, or enforce final leasing accounting standard rules, regulations, or requirements in FASB Project 2013–270, Accounting Standards Update Topic 842; **Page H6268**

Marino amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to collect any underpayment of any tax imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to the extent such underpayment is attributable to the taxpayer's loss of records (except in the case of fraud); and **Pages H6274–75**

DeSantis amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used for any Internal Revenue Service instant message or other electronic communications system that is not operationally searchable and archivable at all times. **Page H7277**

Point of Order sustained against:

Heck (WA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used, with respect to specified States, to prohibit or penalize a financial institution from providing financial services to an entity solely because the entity is a manufacturer, producer, or person that participates in any business or organized activity that involves handling marijuana or marijuana products and engages in such activity pursuant to a law established by a State or local government and **Pages H6275–76**

Massie amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used by any authority of the government of the District of Columbia to prohibit the ability of any person to possess, acquire, use, sell, or transport a firearm except to the extent such activity is prohibited by Federal law (Subsequently, Representative Massie appealed the ruling of the Chair. The question was then put on sustaining the ruling of the Chair, and by voice vote it was agreed that the decision of the Chair shall stand as the judgement of the Committee). **Page H6274**

Proceedings Postponed:

Meehan amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to modify or rebuild any portion of the White House bowling alley, including using phenolic synthetic material; **Pages H6266–67**

Fleming amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to implement guidance FIN–2014–G001 (relating to BSA Expectations Regarding Marijuana-Related Businesses) issued on February 14, 2014; **Pages H6268–70**

Gosar amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to pay a performance award under

section 5384 of title 5, United States Code, to any employee of the Internal Revenue Service;

Pages H6270–71

Grayson amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to pay any individual at an annual rate of Grade 1, Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; or Grade 2, Step 1 or 2 as defined in the “Salary Table 2014–GS” published by the Office of Personnel Management, or to pay any individual at an hourly basic rate of Grade 1, Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; or Grade 2, Step 1 or 2; **Pages H6273–74**

Heck (WA) amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used, with respect to specified States, to penalize a financial institution solely because the institution provides financial services to an entity that is a manufacturer, producer, or a person that participates in any business or organized activity that involves handling marijuana or marijuana products and engages in such activity pursuant to a law established by a State or local government;

Pages H6271–72

DeSantis amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Internal Revenue Service to create machine-readable materials that are not subject to the safeguards established pursuant to section 3105 of title 44, United States Code; **Page H6277**

DeSantis amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being obligated or expended by the Internal Revenue Service for conferences; **Pages H6277–73**

Blackburn amendment that seeks to reduce each amount made available by the bill by 1%, with the exception of specified accounts; **Pages H6278–79**

Blackburn amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to provide funds from the Hardest Hit Fund program established by the Secretary of the Treasury under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to any State or local government for the purpose of funding pension obligations of such State or local government;

Pages H6279–80

Blackburn amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used, with respect to specified States, by the Federal Communications Commission to prevent such States from implementing their own State laws with respect to the provision of broadband Internet access service by the State or a municipality or other political subdivision of the State; and **Pages H6280–82**

Blackburn amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled “Voluntary Remedial Actions and Guidelines for Voluntary Recall Notices”.

Pages H6282–84

H. Res. 661, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5016) and (H.R. 4718), was agreed to on July 10th.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor is to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–135). **Page H6245**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6241, H6242, H6242–43, H6243–44, H6244, H6244–45, H6260–61 and H6261. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS FUNDING FY 2015

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Overseas Contingency Operations Funding FY 2015. This was a closed hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Interior and Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REVIEW OF THE PRISONER OF WAR/ MISSING IN ACTION COMMUNITY AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF THESE AGENCIES AS PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Government Accountability Office review of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) community and the restructuring of these agencies as proposed by the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; and Jamie Morin, Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S YOUTH: AN UPDATE FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Sec-

ondary Education held a hearing entitled “Protecting America’s Youth: An Update from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the “Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act”; H.R. 4250, the “Sunscreen Innovation Act”; H.R. 594, the “Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2014”; H.R. 669, the “Sudden Unexpected Death and Data Enhancement and Awareness Act”; H.R. 4290, the “Wakefield Act of 2014”; H.R. 4450, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5057, the “EPS Service Parts Act of 2014”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4771, H.R. 4250, H.R. 594, H.R. 669, H.R. 4290, and H.R. 4450. The following bill was ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 5057.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S “OPERATION CHOKE POINT”

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Department of Justice’s ‘Operation Choke Point’”. Testimony was heard from Stuart F. Delery, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Federal Reserve Board; Richard J. Osterman, Acting General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Daniel P. Stipano, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

EXAMINING REGULATORY RELIEF PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining Regulatory Relief Proposals for Community Financial Institutions, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF TURKISH DEMOCRACY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “The Future of Turkish Democracy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE RISE OF ISIL: IRAQ AND BEYOND

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “The

Rise of ISIL: Iraq and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LESSONS FROM THE STATES: RESPONSIBLE PRISON REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Lessons from the States: Responsible Prison Reform”. Testimony was heard from Cam Ward, Chair, Prison Reform Task Force, Alabama State Senate; John E. Wetzel, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections; and public witnesses.

MORAL RIGHTS, TERMINATION RIGHTS, RESALE ROYALTY, AND COPYRIGHT TERM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Moral Rights, Termination Rights, Resale Royalty, and Copyright Term”. Testimony was heard from Karyn A. Temple Claggett, Associate Register of Copyrights and Director of Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Copyright Office; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on the “Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2013 HELIUM STEWARDSHIP ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Implementation and Administration of the 2013 Helium Stewardship Act”. Testimony was heard from Linda Lance, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3229, the “Indian Health Service Advance Appropriations Act of 2013”; H.R. 4546, the “Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2014”; H.R. 4867, the “Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”; and S. 1603, the “Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Elizabeth Fowler, Dep-

uty Director, Operations Management, Indian Health Service; and public witnesses.

IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S GENERAL SCHEDULE (GS) A VIABLE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR THE FUTURE?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census held a hearing entitled “Is the Federal Government’s General Schedule (GS) a Viable Personnel System for the Future?”. Testimony was heard from Katherine Archuleta, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

FIGHTING HUNGER INCENTIVE ACT OF 2014

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4719, the “Fighting Hunger Incentive Act of 2014”. The committee granted by record vote of 7–3 a closed rule for H.R. 4719. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–51 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gerlach, Paulsen, Reed, Kelly (PA), and Levin.

ACTION DELAYED, SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES DENIED: IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACTING REFORMS IN THE FY 2013 NDAA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Action Delayed, Small Business Opportunities Denied: Implementation of Contracting Reforms in the FY 2013 NDAA”. Testimony was heard from John Shoraka, Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; and public witnesses.

EPA’S EXPANDED INTERPRETATION OF ITS PERMIT VETO AUTHORITY UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “EPA’s Expanded Interpretation of its Permit Veto Authority Under the Clean Water Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RECOVERY AT FIVE YEARS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an assessment of the recovery at five years, after receiving testimony from Lawrence Kudlow, CNBC, and Kudlow and Co., LLC, New York, New York; and Jared Bernstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening trade enforcement to protect American enterprise and grow American jobs, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, with the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold a joint hearing to examine options for assuring domestic space access, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine what makes a bank systemically important, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: with the Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold a joint hearing to examine options for assuring domestic space access, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine consumer choice, consolidation and the future video marketplace, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine S. 571, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes, S. 1153, to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm, S. 1175, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, S. 1202, to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States, and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and

other entities, S. 1232, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes, H.R. 1300, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, S. 1381, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, S. 1650, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, S. 2225, to provide for a smart water resource management pilot program, S. 2530, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of certain genus, and S. 2560, to authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and use those funds to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources, 3 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113-04), The Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13, 2013, at Warsaw (Treaty Doc. 113-05), H.R. 4028, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom, S. 2577, to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014, S. Res. 498, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization, S. Res. 500, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity, and the nominations of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, and Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Department of State, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine reenergizing United States-India ties, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine challenges at the border, focusing on examining and addressing the root of the causes behind the rise in apprehensions at the Southern Border, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's land buy-back program, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of Veterans' Affairs health care, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine phone scams, focusing on progress and potential solutions, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

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Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 649, directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Department of Defense or the National Security Agency that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 OCO Budget Request, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "The Growing Crisis of Africa's Orphans", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "Port of Entry Infrastructure: How Does the Federal Government Prioritize Investments?", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee markup on the following legislation: H.R. 277, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 916, the "Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2013"; H.R. 1810, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida; H.R. 2158, the "Expedited Departure of Certain Snake Species Act"; H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina; H.R. 3806, the "Great Smoky Mountains National Park Agreement Act of 2013"; H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "White House Office of Political Affairs: Is Supporting Candidates and Campaign Fund-Raising an Appropriate Use of a Government Office?", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H. Con. Res. 103, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H.R. 3044, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi; H.R. 5078, the "Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014"; H.R. 4854, the "Regulatory Certainty Act"; H.R. 5077, the "Coal Jobs Protection Act of 2014", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: At 10:15 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. If cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Ronnie L. White at 12:20 p.m.

At 2:10 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2578, Protect Women's Health From Corporate Interference Act.

House Chamber

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